THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) As verified by State Governments the total number of bogus caste certificate cases, State-wise and Category-wise in the FCI as on 31.03.2009, was as under:-

State	Category				
	I	II	III	IV	Total
Kerala	1	2	3	0	6
Tamil Nadu	1	0	5	3	9
Andhra Pradesh	1	5	8	1	15
Maharashtra	0	0	5	0	5
Uttar Pradesh	0	0	1	0	1
GRAND TOTAL	3	7	22	4	36

(b) Following number of cases have been referred to State Governments for verification:

State	Category				
	I	II	III	IV	Total
Tamil Nadu	3	1	4	5	13
Andhra Pradesh	—	—	—	2	2
Karnataka	—	—	3	—	3
Maharashtra	—	1	34	8	43
Gujarat	—	—	21	13	34
Madhya Pradesh	—	—	—	1	1
Chhattisgarh	—	—	9	8	17
GRAND TOTAL	3	2	71	37	113

Verification of caste certificates is within the purview of the State Governments.

(c) Stringent measures are taken by FCI to ensure strict compliance with instructions for verification of Caste Certificates at the time of recruitment. There is no complaint against any officer of FCI for failing to verify the Caste Certificates at the time of recruitment, as caste certificates are issued by State Governments.

Price rise of sugar

1727. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price of sugar has increased 19 per cent from 1 October to 12 November, 2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for such steep rise in price of sugar;

(d) the amount and rate at which sugar was imported and exported during last two years, year-wise and country-wise rate thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to redress the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The retail price of sugar in the four metro cities as on 01.10.2009 and 12.11.2009 along with the details of percentage increase in sugar prices is given as under:

(Rs. per kg.)

Centre	On 1st Oct. 09	On 12th Nov, 09	Percentage increase in sugar prices
Delhi	32.00	38.00	18.75%
Mumbai	33.00	37.00	12.12%
Kolkata	30.00	35.00	16.66%
Chennai	30.00	33.00	10.00%

(c) The low sugar production in the country during the last sugar season 2008-09 and the anticipated low production of sugar during the current sugar season 2009-10 has led to recent escalation in sugar prices.

(d) The Central Government has not undertaken any import/export of sugar. Export/import of sugar is undertaken by the sugar mills/merchant exporters-importers as per their commercial prudence. As such the amount and rate at which sugar was imported/exported are not available. However, a statement indicating the country-wise quantity and value of import and export of sugar during the last two financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09 is given in Statement-I (*See* below)

(e) Concerned with the fact that the production of sugar in the country during the last sugar season 2008-09 was less than the domestic demand and that the estimated sugar production in the current sugar season 2009-10 is also expected to be substantially lower than the overall demand of sugar in the country, the Central Government has allowed duty-free import of white/refined and raw sugar to bridge the gap between demand and production as well as to moderate prices of sugar in the open market. Details of these measures are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

Statement-I

(a) Country wise quantity and value of sugar imported during the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09.

Qty. in tonnes

Value Rs. in lakhs

Sl. No.	Countries	2007-08		2008-09	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Korea RP	230	46.79	1	1.52
2.	UK	49	17.66	81	55.39
3.	Italy	4	14.3	33	74.52
4.	France	3	6.88	6	23.83
5.	Netherlands	55	5.89	6	5.66
6.	Canada	15	4.92	40	16.99
7.	USA	40	71.39	58	123.62
8.	Germany	100	55.77	117	84.62
9.	Singapore	0	0	4	3.08
10.	Brazil	0	0	385689	57824.46
11.	Israel	0	0	20	18.02
12.	Japan	0	0	11	17.61
13.	China RP	0	0	9	16.92
14.	Austria	0	0	9	11.35
15.	Switzerland	0	0	3	9.94
16.	UAE	0	0	2	6.49
17.	Belgium	0	0	3	5.74
18.	Indonesia	0	0	1	3.85
19.	Denmark	0	0	0	1.29
20.	Ireland	0	0	2	1.06
21.	Thailand	0	0	1	0.76

1	2	3	4	5	6
22.	Taiwan	0	0	0	0.53
23.	New Zealand	0	0	1	0.17
	TOTAL	496	223.60	386099	58310.86

Source : Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata.

(b) Country wise quantity and value of sugar exported during the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09

Qty. in tonnes Value Rs. in lakhs

Sl. No.	Countries	2007-08		2008-09	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Afghanistan	66675	7564.87	15408	2449.39
2.	Albania	3530	490.33	2080	280.36
3.	Algeria	0	0	5040	685.61
4.	Austria	4786	553.96	3	0.23
5.	Angola	41	4.08	0	0
6.	Australia	361	50.22	693	90.45
7.	Bahrain	6841	837.97	7188	1032.72
8.	Bangladesh	466695	58157.60	613190	80742.48
9.	Belgium	11	1.63	42	4.15
10.	Benin	2	0.67	0	0.07
11.	Bhutan	905	136.55	2182	320.47
12.	Botswana	27	3.68	104	14.53
13.	Brunei	4	0.88	3	0.50
14.	Canada	2295	363.66	1451	249.56
15.	China PRP	262423	28893.12	74166	8966.46
16.	Croatia	13279	1701.18	4582	639.60
17.	Colombia	0	0	25	6.23

1	2	3	4	5	6
18.	Congo PRP	4449	461.81	1012	138.07
19.	Combodia	1232	137.73	0	0
20.	Cameroon	0	0.06	2	0.52
21.	Comoros	766	86.89	0	0
22.	Costa Rica	12	4.81	0	0
23.	Cyprus	0	0	1	0.12
24.	Djibouti	142447	16887.44	145428	19970.68
25.	Dubai	0	0	0	0
26.	Denmark	1	0.15	840	248.16
27.	Egypt	16906	19138.19	70249	8784.28
28.	Eritrea	41273	4669.39	33703	4536.46
29.	Ethopia	20959	2580.04	59726	8155.46
30.	Ecuador	5	1.73	0	0
31.	Fiji	24745	2702.09	29399	3848.71
32.	France	85	14.96	31	4.51
33.	FR Polynesia	26	3.01	26	4.09
34.	Gambia	0	0	0	0.01
35.	Ghana	17194	2248.47	18	4.26
36.	Greece	7215	1235.91	1061	148.01
37.	Gabon	9	2.43	0	0
38.	Georgia	1005	105.98	6988	1175.94
39.	Germany	8787	1023.05	1486	412.77
40.	Guinea	260	34.27	0	0
41.	Guyana	2	0.92	0	0
42.	Haiti	261	28.28	0	0
43.	Hong Kong	957	116.44	761	114.12
44.	Indonesia	214611	24453.95	40610	4368.16

1	2	3	4	5	6
45.	Iran	133071	14600.85	132541	17467.91
46.	Iraq	14898	1984.80	42503	5695.25
47.	Israel	18994	2303.19	7772	979.16
48.	Italy	53	5.91	8	2.89
49.	Ireland	1	0.25	6	0.77
50.	Jordan	42046	4883.86	34195	4977.37
51.	Japan	126	11.82	25	4.10
52.	Kenya	85639	9794.28	79811	11136.19
53.	Kuwait	18605	2309.84	13886	1869.34
54.	Kiribati	105	10.98	0	0
55.	Korea RP	118	17.36	1500	228.53
56.	Korea DP	0	0	25500	3818.13
57.	Labanon	6439	781.44	1560	210.38
58.	Libia	5888	659.97	3556	438.58
59.	Madagascar	11450	1384.54	7498	1020.72
60.	Malawai	0	0	2	0.19
61.	Malaysia	220983	23278.83	150703	18087.69
62.	Maldives	7093	827.82	8226	1268.35
63.	Mauritius	2375	261.28	871	93.05
64.	Macao	1	0.08	0	0
65.	Macedonia	25	2.98	0	0
66.	Mali	1	0.18	0	0
67.	Myanmar	34	3.14	0	0
68.	Mangolia	2503	549.50	294	42.60
69.	Mozambique	49	16.51	36	6.43
70.	Nigeria	27	3.72	383	50.00
71.	Nepal	8229	1013.65	32375	4729.88

1	2	3	4	5	6
72.	Netherland	172	17.55	48	5.65
73.	Hetherlandantil	0	0	1	0.29
74.	Newzeland	327	36.01	124	11.25
75.	Niger	525	63.48	0	0
76.	Norway	0	0.04	2	0.49
77.	Oman	24324	2808.13	15127	2203.29
78.	Pakistan IR	253128	28755.76	31872	4862.05
79.	Papau New Guine	7789	901.50	900	116.45
80.	Phillippines	5	0.48	15	2.12
81.	Poland	508	59.05	423	63.92
82.	Portugal	42879	6455.82	4	0.50
83.	Qatar	3721	442.42	6098	968.70
84.	Russia	26377	2884.61	840	133.76
85.	Reunion	1	0.08	2	0.46
86.	Romania	28	6.36	10	3.82
87.	Saudi Arabia	94552	10788.74	193881	26287.61
88.	Singapore	48453	5455.00	5906	770.20
89.	Solomon is	0	0	472	87.60
90.	Somalia	231985	26495.30	173853	24178.23
91.	South Africa	11981	1454.96	3852	541.73
92.	South Korea	0	0	0	0
93.	Spain	0	0	0	0.02
94.	Sri Lanka	483448	55485.89	340331	50129.43
95.	Sudan	7137	844.72	1291	179.41
96.	Syria	83574	9966.21	7417	998.47
97.	Serbia Montngro	5054	576.50	988	141.33
98.	Seychelles	2144	255.38	1937	290.73

1	2	3	4	5	6
99.	ST Lucia	1	0.11	0	0
100.	Switzerland	7	1.27	34	3.44
101.	Tajakistan	77	8.21	3302	449.94
102.	Tanzania	62776	7246.56	46844	6103.15
103.	Taiwan	21195	2366.67	25626	3167.29
104.	Turkey	1336	158.45	1950	255.77
105.	Turkaminstan	3778	444.70	2080	290.36
106.	Thailand	1	0.08	1	0.34
107.	Tongo	90	28.90	40	5.40
108.	Tonga	52	5.44	312	43.56
109.	Trinidad	1	0.13	0	0
110.	Tunissia	3500	499.06	0	0
111.	U.A.E.	709206	76965.76	691549	87286.10
112.	Uganda	1434	176.22	399	54.26
113.	U.K.	1013	178.89	1265	316.50
114.	U.S.A.	12889	2031.84	2543	550.27
115.	Samoa	231	24.92	260	41.10
116.	Vietnam	6039	670.53	1000	134.80
117.	Yemen	470279	57247.70	108143	14604.80
118.	Zambia	2	0.95	1	0.17
119.	Uzbekistan	0	0	1	0.31
120.	Congo D. REP	0	0	0	0.25
121.	Unspecified	0	0	504	64.38
	TOTAL	4684554	541215.66	3331997(P)	444874.37(P)

(P) : Provisional.

Source : Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata.

Statement-II

Measures taken by the Central Government to augment domestic stocks of sugar and to contain sugar prices.

- Allowed import of raw sugar under Advance Authorization Scheme by sugar mills at zero duty upto 30.09.2009.
- Allowed import of raw sugar at zero duty under O.G.L. upto 01.08.2009 by sugar mills. This is presently in force upto 31.12.2010.
- Import of raw sugar was opened to private trade upto 31.03.2010 for being processed by domestic factories on job basis. This is presently in force upto 31.12.2010.
- Allowed duty free import of white/refined sugar by STC/MMTC/PEC and NAFED. Subsequently, duty free import of white/refined sugar under OGL has also been opened to other Central/State Government agencies and to private trade in addition to existing designated agencies. This is presently in force upto 31.03.2010.
- Levy obligation has been removed in respect of all imported raw sugar and white/refined sugar. The white/refined sugar has been also allowed to be sold at the discretion of the importing organizations. Sugar processed from imported raw sugar is subject to accelerated releases.
- The levy obligation on sugar factories has been enhanced from 10% to 20% of production w.e.f. 01.10.2009 for 2009-10 sugar season to ensure availability of sugar for PDS.
- States have been requested to waive VAT on imported white/refined sugar.

1.1 Besides augmenting the sugar stocks by permitting import of raw and white/refined sugar in 2008-09 sugar season, the Central Government has imposed stock holding and turnover limits to moderate prices of sugar as follows:

- Stock-holding and turnover limits have been fixed for sugar dealers. Subsequently, Khandsari sugar has also been brought under the ambit of stockholding and turnover limit.
- An order has been issued imposing stockholding limit on large consumers of sugar who are using or consuming more than ten quintals of sugar per month as a raw material for production or consumption or use. The order is in respect of stocks of domestically produced sugar.
- Futures trade in sugar has been suspended in domestic exchanges w.e.f. 27.5.2009 till the end of 2009.